



St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
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Greetings!

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

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## Frankly Speaking

In her sermon last Sunday, the Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry, mentioned (and our choir successfully spelled) "neuroplasticity": the ability of the brain to change over a person's lifetime. A week or two earlier, Sue Little shared the following story from an Episcopal priest in Hawaii that reinforces this theme.

*When Longfellow was well along in his years, his head as white as snow, but his cheeks as red as a rose, an ardent admirer asked him how it was that he was able to keep so vigorous and write so beautifully. Pointing to a blooming apple tree nearby, he replied, "That apple tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms upon it than those it now bears. The tree grows a little new wood every year, and I suppose it is out of that new wood that those blooms come. Like the*

*apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood every year." As Christians, so should we. We are never too old to stop learning."*

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## Notable *Music this Sunday*

Florida composer Robert Hebble's setting of the tune *Duke Street* will be the prelude, which he dedicated to our organist. The Bella

Voce Trio (Frances Swinehart, Beck Rand, and Pam Mccarthy) will sing a medley of "peace" hymns, and the choir will offer *Jubilate Deo* of Richard Purvis, late parish musician of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

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Fellow Parishioners:

St. Mark's OneStopServiceShop has truly hit the ground running and we're off to a great start! To date, our ServiceTechnicians (parish volunteers) have provided 21 errands/services for fellow parishioners.

So far, these services include delivering meals (prepared by St. Mark's CookingWithCare), transportation to various appointments, computer help, light home painting, babysitting, and mulching a yard.

Please take a moment to look at our brochure in the church pews and familiarize yourself. You're also welcome to take it home, so you have the information at your fingertips.

Need us to provide a service/run an errand OR want to join our team as a ServiceTechnician (volunteer) to help other parishioners? Please email Beth Bletzacker at [KirkAndBeth@yahoo.com](mailto:KirkAndBeth@yahoo.com)--text/call Beth at 330-705-0992 OR Bob Kocab at [rvkocab2@yahoo.com](mailto:rvkocab2@yahoo.com)--text/call Bob at 330-327-3271. We both are "standing by" ready to be

of service!

HelpUs-HelpYou!

*Beth Bletzacker*

*ServiceEngineer, OneStopServiceShop*

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**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30pm

Study Group, 10:30am

**Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

*-Office Closed-*

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Study Group, 10:30am

Vestry, 6:00pm

Causal Evening Prayer, 5:30pm:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Noonday Eucharist:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

**THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be on Tuesday, **December 18**, at the Massillon Woman's Club. Guests are welcome. Please mark your calendar now. More information available in November.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS DOWNTOWN-** Holiday time of year is rapidly approaching. We will again be helping our Canton neighbors in need of food at Thanksgiving. We are collecting one item only: stuffing mix. Our window of collection is very limited. We must have stuffed the narthex **by the end of October**. Last year there were a thousand families in need of

food. PLEASE DONATE THIS ONE ITEM!

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

We also will be helping on "Moving Night," Friday, **November 16th** as the filled baskets are moved upstairs to the St. Paul's Canton parish hall. Complime and a reflection will follow this work. The time will be announced. this is a great activity for junior and senior high school students and older "kids" too!

## **Save the Date:**

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: Election Eve Prayers, 7:00pm  
Thanksgiving Day, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Eucharist, 10:00am  
Christmas Eve, 5:30pm (family service) 10:00pm  
Christmas Day, 10:00am  
December 30th: Lessons and Carols 10:00am

## **Puppet Gang**

Puppet Gang Sunday Practices for the Christmas Show

October: 14, 28

November: 11, 25

December 9: Dress Rehearsal

December 16: Show

Please respond to our text reminders the Saturday before practice.



## **LAUREN HOOT One of Our Own.**

Lauren Hoot, 16, is a Junior at Hoover High School and is an active participant in the school's culinary arts program. Lauren has attended some different churches in the past, but now is a proud parishioner of St. Mark's Church. From the acolyting to the youth programs at St Mark's, she has proven to be an important member of the St. Mark's community.

### **What Church Activities Have You Been Involved In?**

"I started doing Puppet Gang and acolyting around 6th grade. It's been fun. I find that you get to see the church from a different point of view. In Puppet Gang, it's always

really fun to see the little kids and work with them; they get super excited! I think it's a good message."

**What do you enjoy about acolyting?**

"I like acolyting because you're serving God in a different way than most people do. It's not something I would have thought of when I was younger. It's unique."

**Have you ever gone to anyone other churches?**

"I have been to Faith Family and, when I was younger, we went to St. Paul's church."

**What was your reaction?**

"Faith Family was nondenominational; there were a lot of people. You only really knew the select group that you talked to. There were just too many people and the pastor never really came out and you never really got to talk to him."

**What do you like most at St. Mark's?**

"You get to know the people here. I like that a lot because you get to talk to them about things. They really care about you. There's a small community here, but it's a good community."

"You get to even know them outside of church. For example, I'm even watching dogs for some members this weekend, and I have watched Leo in the past."

"I like our youth programs now. I notice that if we don't get our youth involved in the church now, they are never gonna want to get involved later in life. They don't want to come if they're not enjoying it. We have to get them in, having fun, and learning all at the same time."

**Could you see yourself, later in life, seeking a church like St. Mark's?**

"For sure! I really do like the size, the people here, and you really get to know the people. Once you get to know them, you're really outgoing with them, and you can talk to them like they're your friend, because they are your friend."

**Lauren is the daughter of Joe Hoot, who also attends St. Mark's church. She will be involved in both the Puppet Gang and acolyte program this year.**



# Thankful *Thursdays*

School has begun! This means the time has come to start collecting for Thankful Thursdays again. Please consider donating any of the items listed below to stock our pantry again. These items will be given to families in need at Canton City's Schreiber Elementary School. Donations can be placed on the designated white table behind the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance!!  
Emily Gordon and Mandy Pelger

## Pasta

Tomato or Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)

Fruit (in plastic containers or cans)

Canned vegetables

Hamburger helper or similar

Boxed rice or rice meals mixes

Canned Tuna Fish or Chicken

Macaroni & Cheese

Boxed mashed potatoes

Peanut Butter

Jelly/Jam/Preserves (no glass please)

Oatmeal

Granola bars

Cereal

Applesauce (no glass please)

Monetary donations

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# PRAYER CONCERNS



Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,  
Peg Hill, Ken McPeek, Conley Family, Tom Burns

*Family and Friends:* Susan, Johnny Willoughby, Gabe Russo (cousin of Katie Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Mike Fox (friend of Boyds), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), The Latora Family, Judy and Mark McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's sister-in-law and brother), Erin, Chad Patch, Allison & Family, Carol Morton, Barry (friend of Gordons), James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father), Sally King (friend of Sue Little), Baby Hudson, Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls), Matt Gagnon, The Kesslers, Mary Frech

*For all those serving in the armed forces:*  
Jake Binder - Korea (husband of Amanda Hines Binder)

*For all those who have died.*

**-Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.-**

## **PRAYER CHAIN:**

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at

[ggordon24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the

Prayer Chain, in the Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

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## This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

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# Upcoming *Servers*

### **Servers today Sunday, September 30th:**

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes, 10:00am: Lesley Kiesling, Colin Jenkins, Lauren Hoot, Joe Hoot, Karen Violand

Lector, 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Lector, 10:00am: Tom Turner, Pam McCarthy

Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark

Altar Guild 8:00am: Sharon Ryan, Sara Strattan

Altar Guild 10:00am: Louise Moore

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

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Yours in Christ,

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

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